

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| IN RE APPLICATION  | ATTORNEY DKT NO: 5233.009.NPUS01 |
| OF: WARE ET AL.  | CONFIRMATION NO.: 1673           |
| SERIAL NO. 10/707,674  | GROUP ART UNIT: 1651             |
| FILED: DECEMBER 31, 2003   | EXAMINER: LILLING, HERBERT J.    |
| TITLE: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR REDUCING THE<br>PATHOGEN CONTENT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS |                                  |

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir,

In response to the non-final office action mailed on September 26, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicants' remarks below.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.